

technology required by the State agency that is provided by these contracts. Notwithstanding any other statute, the authority of State agencies to procure or obtain information technology shall be subject to compliance with the provisions of this Part. The Office shall have the authority to exercise the authority of State agencies to procure or obtain information technology as otherwise provided by statute.

"§ 143B-472.57. Attorney General contract assistance.

At the request of the State Chief Information Officer, the Attorney General shall provide legal advice and services necessary to implement this Part.

"§ 143B-472.58. Information technology procurement requirements.

(a) Policy. -- In order to further the policy of the State to encourage and promote the use of small, minority, physically handicapped, and women contractors in State purchasing of goods and services, all State agencies covered by this Part shall cooperate with the Office in efforts to encourage the use of small, minority, physically handicapped, and women contractors in achieving the purpose of this Part, which is to provide for the effective and economical acquisition, management, and disposition of information technology.

(b) Reporting. -- Every State agency required by this Part to use the services of the Office in the procurement of information technology which purchases information technology directly shall report to the Office the information required by G.S. 143-48(b) and the Office shall report to the Department of Administration in accordance with G.S. 143-48(b).

(c) The Department of Administration shall collect and compile the data described in this section and report it annually to the Office.

"§ 143B-472.59. Unauthorized use of public purchase or contract procedures for private benefit.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, by the use of the powers, policies, or procedures described in this Part or established hereunder, to purchase, attempt to purchase, procure, or attempt to procure any property or services for private use or benefit.

(b) This prohibition shall not apply if:

(1) The department, institution, or agency through which the property or services are procured had theretofore established policies and procedures permitting such purchases or procurement by a class or classes of persons in order to provide for the mutual benefit of such persons and the department, institution, or agency involved, or the public benefit or convenience; and

(2) Such policies and procedures, including any reimbursement policies, are complied with by the person permitted thereunder to use the purchasing or procurement procedures described in this Part or established thereunder.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

"§ 143B-472.60. Financial interest of officers in sources of supply; acceptance of bribes.